Mr. N. V. Chacko: Sir, with reference to the answer to part (*b*), may I know from the Government when the construction of the road is likely to be commenced?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: I cannot say now when the construction will be begun, Sir.

Inspection of industrial schools in 1110 and 1111.

50. ***Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair** (*Trivandrum and Nedumangad cum Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total number of inspections conducted in the schools teaching painting, carpentry, smithery and textile during 1110 and 1111 showing the dates of inspection, the schools so inspected and the names of the officers making the inspections; and

(*b*) the number of independent inspections made by the present, Industrial Director, specifying the dates and the schools so inspected by him?

Mr. C. Kumara Das (*Director of Industries*): (*a*) and (*b*) A statement furnishing the information is laid on the table.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: May I know whether the Industrial Engineer, Mr. Varadaraja Sarma, inspected the Carpentry School at Parasala and if so, when the inspection was made?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: Sir, the information is given in the table appended. The officers who made the visit are also given in the table.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: May I know whether, in spite of the recommendation made by Mr. Sarma, the Industrial Director has recommended for the continuance of the grant to the L. M. S. school, at Parasala?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: The recommendation is confidential.

Opening a road from the 8th mile of the Perumpavur-Kothamangalam road.

51. ***Mr. N. V. Chacko:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received a petition dated 30-4-1113 from Mr. P. P. Mathai, Kottappadi, Thrikkariyoor, praying that a road may be opened by the Government from the 8th mile in the Perumpavur-Kothamangalam road to the 6th mile in the Koottikkal road; and

(*b*) what action has been taken on the petition?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The petition was forwarded to the Chief Engineer and he has reported that the line suggested by the petitioner is unfit

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Government are however prepared to consider the question of opening the road as originally aligned by them provided the interested parties surrender free of compensation the lands required for the same.

Mr. N. V. Chacko: Sir, may I know from whom the move should come with regard to the surrender of lands for the opening of the road?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: I think the move should come from the petitioners or the parties concerned.

Sirkar tanks in Nedumangad taluk.

52. *Mr. **Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair**: (1) Will the Government be pleased to give a list of Sirkar tanks situated in the Nedumangad taluk specifying their areas, and the number of tanks in each pakuthi showing also the irrigation and Devaswom tanks separately?

(2) Will they be pleased to state the number of such tanks that are now actually used by the public?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: (1) and (2) The member is referred to pages 87 to 89 of the list of the Irrigation tanks and channels in the State attached to the report of the Minor Irrigation Committee. A copy of the report is placed on the table of the Secretary to the Council. The *list of Devaswom tanks is placed on the table.

Rank in the selective test as criterion for confirmation of candidates in the Public Service

53. *Mr. **Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai** (*Quilon cum Kunnattur*): With reference to the appointments made by the Public Service Commissioner in the intermediate division, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether rank in the selective test is taken as the criterion for confirmation;

(*b*) whether candidates with lower ranks have been confirmed;

(*c*) if so, the names of persons confirmed;

(*d*) the reason for preferring men in the lower ranks to those in the higher rank;

(*e*) the number of candidates with lower ranks made temporary;

(*f*) whether candidates with higher ranks were out of employment at that time; and

(*g*) whether there is any reason for preferring candidates with lower ranks to those with higher ranks?

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